




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	Update #4 - Gage Park Greenhouse Roof Panel Investigation (CFEM2309) (Ward 3)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 3
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Background:

As communicated on July 19, 2023, a structural consultant has been retained to complete an assessment of the Gage Park Greenhouse, as there have been issues related to the roofing panels being dislodged from the frame during inclement weather.

The investigative work commenced July 24, 2023, continues through to July 31, 2023. The Greenhouse has been closed to the Public throughout the investigation.

Looking back previous Communications to Council:

- June 30: Communication Update #1
- July 7: Communication Update #2
- July 19: Communication Update #3

Operational Update:

After the first day of the investigation the consultant reported to staff that some panels are currently in poor/critical condition and are at risk of dislodging in a certain wind condition. The consultant has also reported that there is enough cause to recommend emergency repairs to the panels in order to mitigate the risk of panels becoming dislodged and would pose a health and safety risk to the public.

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The General Manager of Public Works has given approval for the essential emergency repairs to be carried out.

Gage Park Greenhouse Building will be closed to the Public for 2 weeks. As investigations continue, staff will be able to provide additional information on the repair timeframe.

We appreciate the efforts of City Staff as they responded to protect public safety and will work to minimize operating impacts by coming up with temporary solutions and permanent fixes. City Staff will be communicating booking schedule changes directly with any members of the public who have bookings at the site, but schedule changes will be avoided where possible.

The City appreciates that the safety concerns with the facility represent significant challenges and inconveniences to the members of the public who frequent the site.

The City is committed to working with all groups who are using the Gage Park Greenhouse to avoid impacts to them, where possible, and help them with rescheduling where required.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Robyn Ellis, Manager of Strategic Planning & Capital Compliance at Robyn.Ellis@hamilton.ca or Extension 2616.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A